

DEVELOPMENT OF AN ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURAL MODEL FOR ENHANCING ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS: A SYSTEMATIC LITERATURE REVIEW

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ABSTRACT

Introduction

The effectiveness in contemporary management environments characterized by rapid change, innovation demands, and increasing organizational complexity. Despite extensive studies examining organizational culture, there remains limited integrative understanding regarding the development of a comprehensive cultural model capable of enhancing organizational effectiveness across different organizational contexts.

Method

Therefore, this study aims to develop an organizational cultural model for enhancing organizational effectiveness through a Systematic Literature Review (SLR) approach. This study employed the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) framework to identify, screen, and analyse relevant studies published between 2015 and 2025. Data were collected from major academic databases, including Scopus, Web of Science, ScienceDirect, and Google Scholar.

Result

A total of 42 peer-reviewed articles met the inclusion criteria and were critically analysed using thematic synthesis. The findings revealed that organizational effectiveness is strongly influenced by several cultural dimensions, including transformational leadership, collaborative communication, employee engagement, adaptability, innovation orientation, and shared organizational values. Furthermore, the review identified that adaptive and participative organizational cultures contribute significantly to improving employee performance, decision-making quality, organizational commitment, and long-term sustainability. Based on the synthesis, this study proposes an integrative organizational cultural model consisting of leadership, communication, adaptability, and innovation as the core dimensions of organizational effectiveness.

Conclusion

This study contributes theoretically by integrating fragmented organizational culture theories into a comprehensive conceptual framework and provides practical implications for organizational leaders seeking to strengthen management effectiveness through cultural transformation strategies.

INTRODUCTION

In the contemporary organizational environment, organizational culture has emerged as one of the most important determinants of organizational effectiveness, sustainability, and competitive advantage. Rapid technological transformation, globalization, workforce diversity, and increasing organizational complexity require organizations to develop adaptive and collaborative cultural systems that support organizational performance and long-term sustainability. Recent studies indicate that organizational culture significantly influences employee behaviour, leadership effectiveness, communication quality, innovation capability, and organizational productivity (Bogale & Debela, 2024; Becerra Castro et al., 2024).

Organizational culture refers to a system of shared values, assumptions, beliefs, and behavioural norms developed and maintained within an organization over time. According to Schein (1992), organizational culture represents a pattern of basic assumptions learned by organizational members during adaptation and integration processes. Similarly, Denison (1990) emphasized that organizational culture affects organizational effectiveness through four major dimensions: involvement, consistency, adaptability, and mission. These dimensions influence how organizations coordinate activities, respond to environmental change, and achieve strategic objectives.

Previous empirical studies have consistently demonstrated positive relationships between organizational culture and organizational effectiveness. Bogale and Debela (2024) found that innovation orientation, teamwork, employee involvement, and organizational adaptability are dominant dimensions affecting organizational effectiveness. Likewise, Becerra Castro et al. (2024) reported that organizational culture strongly affects strategic plan implementation, employee motivation, decision-making quality, and organizational performance. In addition, recent research emphasizes that adaptive and participatory organizational cultures are increasingly important in managing organizational transformation and uncertainty.

Resho and Singh (2024) highlighted that cultural intelligence, communication effectiveness, and leadership readiness contribute significantly to organizational effectiveness in multicultural organizational environments. Similarly, Kiptulon et al. (2024) demonstrated that supportive organizational cultures improve workplace conditions, reduce occupational stress, and strengthen employee resilience in healthcare organizations.

Despite growing interest in organizational culture studies, several important gaps remain within the literature. First, previous studies often focus on isolated cultural dimensions such as leadership, communication, or innovation without integrating these dimensions into a comprehensive organizational cultural model. Second, inconsistencies remain regarding which cultural dimensions most strongly influence organizational effectiveness across different organizational settings. Third, relatively limited studies have synthesized contemporary evidence to develop an integrative organizational cultural framework applicable across organizational sectors and management systems.

Furthermore, many organizations continue to experience organizational inefficiency, communication problems, low employee engagement, resistance to change, and ineffective management practices despite implementing formal management systems. Bogale and Debela (2024) argued that these organizational problems are frequently associated with weak organizational identity, poor cultural alignment, and ineffective organizational values.

Therefore, this study aims to develop an organizational cultural model for enhancing organizational effectiveness through a Systematic Literature Review (SLR) approach. Specifically, this study seeks to identify dominant cultural dimensions influencing organizational effectiveness and synthesize previous findings into a comprehensive conceptual organizational cultural model. The findings are expected to contribute theoretically to organizational culture literature and

practically to organizational leaders and policymakers seeking evidence-based cultural

transformation strategies for improving organizational effectiveness.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Organizational Culture Concept

Organizational culture has long been recognized as a central element influencing organizational behaviour, managerial effectiveness, employee engagement, and institutional sustainability. The concept emerged prominently in organizational studies during the 1980s as scholars attempted to explain why organizations with similar structures and resources often demonstrated different levels of effectiveness and performance. Organizational culture generally refers to the collective values, beliefs, assumptions, behavioural norms, and symbols shared among organizational members that guide their attitudes and actions within the workplace.

Schein (1992) defined organizational culture as a pattern of shared basic assumptions learned by a group as it solved problems of external adaptation and internal integration. These assumptions are taught to new organizational members as the correct way to perceive, think, and behave within the organization. Schein's framework explains organizational culture through three levels: artifacts, espoused values, and underlying assumptions. Artifacts represent visible organizational elements such as symbols, rituals, language, and structures. Espoused values include organizational strategies, philosophies, and goals, while underlying assumptions represent unconscious beliefs embedded deeply within organizational behaviour.

Organizational Effectiveness

Organizational effectiveness refers to the extent to which organizations achieve their goals efficiently while maintaining adaptability and sustainability. Organizational effectiveness is multidimensional and includes employee performance, productivity, innovation capability, organizational commitment, customer satisfaction, and financial performance.

Similarly, Hofstede (1991) emphasized that organizational culture influences organizational practices through collective programming of the mind distinguishing one organization from another. Hofstede argued that organizational culture affects communication patterns, leadership orientation, decision-making processes, and employee relationships. Denison (1990) further proposed that organizational culture contributes to organizational effectiveness through four key dimensions: involvement, consistency, adaptability, and mission. Organizations demonstrating strong involvement and adaptability are generally more capable of managing change, encouraging employee participation, and improving performance outcomes.

Contemporary organizational scholars increasingly recognize organizational culture as a strategic organizational asset. Alvesson (2002) argued that organizational culture functions not only as a social mechanism but also as a managerial tool influencing organizational identity, employee motivation, and institutional legitimacy. In modern organizations characterized by technological disruption and environmental uncertainty, adaptive organizational cultures are increasingly associated with organizational resilience and sustainability

According to Cameron and Quinn (2011), organizational effectiveness depends significantly on the alignment between organizational culture and organizational strategy. Organizations with strong cultural alignment are more capable of achieving strategic goals, enhancing communication, and improving employee commitment. Effective organizations are also characterized by

flexibility, innovation orientation, collaborative leadership, and supportive work environments.

Previous studies demonstrate that organizational effectiveness is influenced not only by formal management systems but also by social and cultural organizational factors. Ouellette et al. (2020) found that organizations promoting employee involvement and supportive communication demonstrate higher levels of organizational commitment and job satisfaction. Likewise, Baird et al. (2018) emphasized that organizations with quality-oriented cultures tend to achieve stronger

operational performance and continuous improvement.

In healthcare organizations, supportive organizational cultures have been associated with reduced workplace stress, improved teamwork, and better patient care outcomes (Kiptulon et al., 2024). Similarly, organizations operating in highly competitive environments require adaptive cultures that encourage creativity, innovation, and organizational learning to sustain effectiveness and competitiveness.

Transformational Leadership and Organizational Culture

Transformational leadership represents one of the most influential organizational culture dimensions affecting organizational effectiveness. Transformational leaders inspire employees through vision, motivation, empowerment, and intellectual stimulation. Bass and Avolio (1994) argued that transformational leadership promotes employee commitment, organizational trust, and innovation capability.

Recent studies continue to demonstrate strong relationships between transformational leadership and organizational performance. Resho and Singh (2024) found that leadership readiness and cultural intelligence significantly strengthen organizational effectiveness in

multicultural organizational settings. Likewise, Abawari et al. (2024) reported that leadership styles mediate the relationship between organizational culture and organizational change management.

Transformational leadership also influences employee engagement and organizational adaptability. Leaders who encourage participation and collaboration create positive organizational climates supporting innovation and teamwork. Such leadership practices contribute to stronger employee motivation, reduced resistance to change, and improved organizational coordination.

Communication and Employee Engagement

Communication represents another essential organizational culture dimension influencing organizational effectiveness. Effective communication strengthens organizational coordination, employee participation, and strategic implementation. Transparent communication systems encourage trust, reduce workplace conflict, and facilitate collaborative problem-solving. Becerra Castro et al. (2024) emphasized that communication-oriented organizational cultures positively affect strategic management implementation and employee motivation. Likewise, Bogale and Debela (2024) found that collaborative communication contributes significantly to

organizational effectiveness through improved teamwork and organizational integration.

Employee engagement is closely related to communication and participatory organizational cultures. Engaged employees demonstrate higher levels of commitment, productivity, and organizational loyalty. Organizations promoting employee involvement in decision-making processes generally experience stronger organizational cohesion and reduced turnover intention.

Research by Ouellette et al. (2020) highlighted that organizational cultures

emphasizing support, recognition, and participation improve employee engagement and psychological well-being. Participatory

cultures also encourage organizational learning and innovation by allowing employees to contribute ideas and feedback.

Organizational Adaptability and Innovation

Rapid environmental change, globalization, and digital transformation require organizations to develop adaptive and innovative cultures. Organizational adaptability refers to the ability of organizations to respond effectively to environmental uncertainty, technological changes, and competitive challenges.

Denison (1990) emphasized adaptability as a critical organizational culture dimension affecting organizational survival and long-term effectiveness. Organizations with adaptive cultures encourage experimentation, continuous learning, and innovation. Such organizations are generally more resilient and responsive to market demands.

Recent studies support the importance of adaptability and innovation orientation. Wiese et al. (2024) demonstrated that

developmental organizational cultures significantly support the implementation of Industry 4.0 technologies and digital transformation initiatives. Similarly, Oyo (2025) argued that rigid hierarchical cultures frequently contribute to organizational resistance to change and ineffective transformation processes.

Innovation-oriented organizational cultures promote creativity, knowledge sharing, and collaborative problem-solving. Organizations encouraging innovation tend to demonstrate stronger competitive advantage and organizational sustainability. Akhavan et al. (2014) further explained that knowledge management practices embedded within organizational culture positively influence organizational performance and innovation capability.

Shared Organizational Values and Organizational Sustainability

Shared organizational values represent the collective beliefs and principles guiding employee behaviour and organizational practices. Strong organizational values create behavioural consistency, organizational identity, and institutional integration.

According to Denison (1990), organizational mission and consistency contribute significantly to organizational effectiveness by creating clarity regarding organizational goals and behavioural expectations. Organizations with clearly defined missions and values demonstrate stronger employee loyalty and institutional sustainability. Schein (1992) also emphasized that organizational values influence employee socialization and organizational learning. Shared values contribute to stronger organizational commitment and facilitate coordination across organizational levels. Contemporary organizational studies

increasingly highlight the relationship between organizational culture and sustainability. Organizations promoting ethical values, collaboration, adaptability, and innovation are more capable of sustaining long-term organizational performance. Supportive cultures also strengthen employee resilience and workplace well-being, particularly in high-pressure organizational environments such as healthcare and technology sectors.

Overall, the literature demonstrates that organizational culture significantly influences organizational effectiveness through leadership, communication, adaptability, innovation, employee engagement, and shared organizational values.. Therefore, this systematic literature review seeks to synthesize contemporary evidence and develop an integrative organizational cultural model for enhancing organizational effectiveness.

METHOD

This study employed a Systematic Literature Review (SLR) methodology to synthesize contemporary evidence regarding the relationship between organizational culture and organizational effectiveness. The SLR approach was selected because it enables researchers to systematically identify, evaluate, and integrate findings from previous studies using transparent and reproducible procedures. The review process followed the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) framework, which is widely applied in evidence-based organizational and management research (Bogale & Debela, 2024).

Search Strategy

The literature search was conducted using several major academic databases, including Scopus, Web of Science, ScienceDirect, SpringerLink, Emerald Insight, Taylor & Francis, Sage Journals, and Google Scholar. The search focused on peer-reviewed journal articles published between 2015 and 2025 to ensure the inclusion of recent organizational management perspectives.

The search process utilized combinations of the following keywords:

- “organizational culture”
- “organizational effectiveness”
- “management effectiveness”
- “organizational performance”
- “organizational culture model”
- “systematic literature review”

Boolean operators such as AND and OR were applied to improve search precision and relevance.

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

The inclusion criteria consisted of:

1. Peer-reviewed journal articles,
2. English-language publications,
3. Studies examining organizational culture and organizational effectiveness,

4. Quantitative, qualitative, mixed-method, conceptual, and systematic review studies,
5. Publications between 2015 and 2025.

The exclusion criteria included:

1. Conference proceedings, theses, and dissertations,
2. Non-English publications,
3. Articles lacking clear methodological descriptions,
4. Studies unrelated to organizational management contexts.

Study Selection Process

The initial database search identified 438 potentially relevant articles. After removing duplicate records, 312 articles remained for title and abstract screening. Subsequently, 97 articles underwent full-text assessment for eligibility. Following detailed evaluation using the inclusion and exclusion criteria, 42 articles were included in the final synthesis.

Data Extraction and Synthesis

Data extraction focused on:

- authors and publication year,
- organizational setting,
- research methodology,
- organizational culture dimensions,
- organizational effectiveness indicators,
- principal findings.

The selected studies were analysed using thematic synthesis to identify recurring organizational culture dimensions associated with organizational effectiveness.

FINDINGS

The systematic literature review identified several dominant organizational culture dimensions consistently associated with organizational effectiveness across various organizational contexts. The findings revealed that organizational effectiveness is strongly

influenced by transformational leadership, collaborative communication, adaptability, innovation orientation, employee engagement, and shared organizational values.

1. Transformational Leadership

Transformational leadership emerged as one of the most influential organizational culture dimensions identified across the reviewed studies. Several researchers reported that leaders who promote participation, empowerment, motivation, and shared vision positively influence organizational effectiveness.

2. Collaborative Communication

Collaborative communication was identified as another major determinant of organizational effectiveness. Organizations characterized by transparent communication, teamwork, and participatory interaction demonstrated stronger organizational cohesion and reduced workplace conflict.

3. Adaptability and Innovation Orientation

Adaptability and innovation orientation were consistently associated with organizational resilience and long-term effectiveness. Organizations with adaptive cultures were found to respond more effectively to environmental uncertainty, technological transformation, and market competition.

DISCUSSION

The findings of this systematic literature review confirm that organizational culture functions as a strategic organizational resource that significantly influences organizational effectiveness in contemporary organizations. Across the reviewed studies, organizational culture was consistently associated with employee performance, organizational commitment, innovation capability, communication quality, leadership effectiveness, and long-term sustainability. These findings reinforce the argument that organizational effectiveness is not determined solely by formal organizational structures, operational procedures, or technological resources, but is also strongly influenced by

4. Shared Organizational Values

Shared organizational values also played a critical role in shaping organizational effectiveness. Organizations with strong value-based cultures demonstrated greater employee loyalty, organizational identity, and behavioural consistency.

5. Employee Engagement and Participation

Employee engagement and participation were repeatedly identified as important contributors to organizational effectiveness. Participatory organizational cultures encourage employee involvement in organizational decision-making.

6. Proposed Organizational Cultural Model

Based on thematic synthesis, this study proposes an integrative organizational cultural model consisting of four core dimensions:

1. Transformational Leadership,
2. Collaborative Communication,
3. Organizational Adaptability,
4. Shared Organizational Values.

These dimensions dynamically interact to strengthen employee engagement, organizational commitment, innovation capability, and management effectiveness.

social and cultural systems embedded within organizational environments.

The proposed organizational cultural model aligns closely with several foundational organizational culture theories developed by Schein (1992), Hofstede (1991), and Denison (1990). Schein emphasized that organizational culture shapes organizational behaviour through shared assumptions and learning processes developed over time. In practice, these shared assumptions influence how employees interpret organizational goals, communicate with colleagues, respond to leadership, and adapt to environmental change. Similarly, Denison's organizational culture

model highlighted adaptability, involvement, mission, and consistency as critical dimensions influencing organizational effectiveness. The current review supports Denison's perspective by demonstrating that organizations with adaptive, participatory, and mission-oriented cultures generally demonstrate stronger organizational performance and sustainability.

One of the most important findings emerging from this review concerns the role of transformational leadership. Transformational leadership consistently appeared as a dominant organizational culture dimension influencing organizational effectiveness across various organizational sectors. Leaders who encourage employee participation, provide motivation, establish shared visions, and support collaboration contribute significantly to employee engagement and organizational commitment. These findings are consistent with transformational leadership theory, which argues that effective leaders inspire organizational members to achieve collective organizational goals beyond individual interests.

Recent empirical evidence further supports the importance of transformational leadership in organizational development. Resho and Singh (2024) found that leadership readiness and cultural intelligence positively affect organizational effectiveness in multicultural organizational environments. In increasingly globalized and diverse workplaces, leaders must possess cultural awareness, communication competence, and adaptability to manage workforce diversity effectively. Likewise, Abawari et al. (2024) reported that leadership styles mediate the relationship between organizational culture and organizational change management. This finding suggests that even well-designed organizational cultures may fail to improve effectiveness if leadership practices are inconsistent with organizational values and strategic goals.

Collaborative communication also emerged as a critical organizational culture dimension contributing to organizational effectiveness. Organizations characterized by transparent communication systems, teamwork, and participatory interaction generally

demonstrate stronger organizational cohesion and coordination. Effective communication allows organizational members to share information efficiently, resolve conflicts constructively, and align organizational activities with strategic objectives. Communication-oriented cultures also encourage employee trust and reduce uncertainty during organizational transformation processes.

The importance of communication becomes increasingly relevant in modern organizations operating within highly dynamic environments. Digital transformation, remote working systems, and virtual collaboration require organizations to establish communication systems that are flexible, inclusive, and transparent. Becerra Castro et al. (2024) emphasized that communication-oriented organizational cultures positively influence strategic management implementation, employee motivation, and organizational performance. Similarly, Bogale and Debela (2024) reported that organizations with collaborative communication systems experience improved employee relationships and stronger organizational integration.

Another significant finding of this review concerns the role of organizational adaptability and innovation orientation. Contemporary organizations operate within environments characterized by rapid technological development, economic uncertainty, globalization, and intense market competition. Consequently, organizations require adaptive cultures capable of supporting continuous learning, innovation, and flexibility. Adaptive organizational cultures encourage employees to accept change, develop creative solutions, and engage in collaborative problem-solving.

The reviewed studies consistently demonstrated positive relationships between adaptability and organizational effectiveness. Wiese et al. (2024) found that developmental organizational cultures significantly support the implementation of Industry 4.0 technologies and digital transformation initiatives. Organizations with adaptive cultures are generally more prepared to integrate technological innovation into organizational

systems and operational processes. Conversely, rigid and hierarchical organizational cultures frequently create resistance to change and inhibit organizational learning. Oyo (2025) argued that organizational resistance to change often originates from cultures characterized by excessive bureaucracy, poor communication, and limited employee participation.

Innovation orientation also represents an important component of organizational adaptability. Organizations promoting innovation-oriented cultures encourage experimentation, knowledge sharing, and creativity among employees. Such cultures contribute to organizational competitiveness and sustainability by enabling organizations to respond effectively to changing market demands and customer expectations. Akhavan et al. (2014) further explained that knowledge management practices embedded within organizational culture positively influence organizational innovation capability and performance.

Shared organizational values emerged as another important determinant of organizational effectiveness. Organizations with clearly defined missions, ethical values, and collective norms demonstrate stronger organizational identity and behavioural consistency. Shared values create organizational cohesion by aligning employee behaviour with organizational objectives. Employees working within value-based organizational cultures are generally more committed to organizational goals and demonstrate stronger loyalty toward their institutions.

The importance of shared organizational values is consistent with Denison's framework emphasizing mission and consistency as central organizational culture dimensions. Organizations with clear missions and consistent behavioural expectations are more capable of coordinating organizational activities and sustaining long-term organizational performance. Schein (1992) also emphasized that organizational values influence employee socialization processes and organizational learning mechanisms. When organizational members internalize collective

organizational values, organizations become more stable, integrated, and resilient.

This review additionally highlights the important relationship between organizational culture and employee engagement. Employee engagement refers to the psychological attachment and emotional commitment employees demonstrate toward their organizations. Participatory organizational cultures that encourage employee involvement in decision-making processes generally produce higher levels of job satisfaction, motivation, and organizational commitment. Engaged employees contribute positively to organizational productivity, innovation, and teamwork. Ouellette et al. (2020) reported that supportive organizational cultures improve employee engagement and workplace well-being. Similarly, Kiptulon et al. (2024) found that supportive organizational cultures strengthen employee resilience and reduce workplace stress in healthcare organizations. These findings are particularly important because employee well-being increasingly influences organizational sustainability and service quality in modern organizational environments.

Another important contribution of this review is the development of an integrative organizational cultural model. Previous studies frequently examined organizational culture dimensions separately, focusing only on leadership, communication, innovation, or employee engagement. However, the current review demonstrates that organizational effectiveness is influenced by the dynamic interaction among multiple organizational culture dimensions. Transformational leadership strengthens communication and employee participation, while adaptability and shared organizational values support innovation and organizational integration.

The proposed integrative organizational cultural model therefore provides a more comprehensive understanding of how organizational culture influences organizational effectiveness. The model suggests that organizations seeking to improve effectiveness should not focus exclusively on isolated managerial interventions. Instead, organizations should develop holistic cultural

transformation strategies integrating leadership development, communication improvement, employee participation, adaptability enhancement, and organizational value reinforcement.

From a practical perspective, the findings provide important implications for organizational leaders, managers, policymakers, and human resource professionals. Organizations seeking to improve effectiveness should prioritize transformational leadership development, establish transparent communication systems, encourage organizational learning, and strengthen employee participation. Organizations must also develop adaptive cultures capable of responding effectively to technological transformation and environmental uncertainty. The findings are particularly relevant for organizations undergoing digital transformation and organizational restructuring. Modern organizations increasingly require flexible cultural systems supporting innovation, collaboration, and resilience. Organizations characterized by rigid hierarchical cultures may experience greater resistance to change, lower employee engagement, and reduced organizational performance. Despite its contributions, this review has several limitations. First, the review included only English-language articles published between

2015 and 2025, potentially excluding relevant studies from other languages and earlier periods. Second, methodological diversity among the included studies may affect the consistency and comparability of findings. Third, most reviewed studies employed cross-sectional research designs, limiting causal interpretation regarding the long-term effects of organizational culture on organizational effectiveness.

Future research should therefore empirically validate the proposed organizational cultural model using quantitative, mixed-method, and longitudinal research approaches. Comparative studies across different organizational sectors and national cultural contexts would also provide deeper understanding regarding how organizational culture dimensions influence organizational effectiveness under different environmental conditions.

Overall, this review demonstrates that organizational culture represents a strategic organizational resource that significantly influences organizational effectiveness, competitiveness, and sustainability. Organizations capable of developing adaptive, collaborative, and value-based cultures are more likely to achieve long-term organizational success in rapidly changing global environments.

CONCLUSION

This systematic literature review demonstrates that organizational culture plays a fundamental role in enhancing organizational effectiveness across diverse organizational contexts. The findings consistently indicate that organizational effectiveness is strongly influenced by transformational leadership, collaborative communication, organizational adaptability, employee engagement, innovation orientation, and shared organizational values. The review identified four dominant dimensions that form the foundation of an integrative organizational cultural model: transformational leadership, collaborative communication, organizational adaptability, and shared organizational values. These dimensions collectively contribute to stronger employee commitment, improved management

effectiveness, enhanced innovation capability, and sustainable organizational performance.

This study contributes theoretically by integrating fragmented organizational culture perspectives into a comprehensive conceptual framework for enhancing organizational effectiveness. Practically, the findings provide important implications for organizational leaders, managers, and policymakers seeking evidence-based organizational transformation strategies. Future research is recommended to empirically validate the proposed organizational cultural model using quantitative and longitudinal approaches across different organizational sectors and national cultural contexts.

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